(iii) To explore in the new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas.

(iv) To develop faster the newly discovered oil fields.

(v) To increase workover and stimulation operations.

(vi) To increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(vii) To increase use of 3-D seismic surveys in new and producing areas.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has also taken steps by way of advancing their plans and inputs to produce additional 0.5 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) of crude oil over and above the annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) target of 24.6 MMT in the current year.

(b) The continued environmental problem, delays in obtaining land as well as irregular power supply are adversely affecting oil exploration and production activities in Assam. The Exploration and Production of hydrocarbons were suspended by ONGC in Nagaland since May, 1994. Interactions have been held with the State Governments of Assam and Nagaland to resolve the above issues.

(c) New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) envisages signing of Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) for Exploration Blocks in India, both onshore and offshore. The agreements entered for Exploration and Production work undertaken abroad by Indian Companies, including PSUs, would depend on the framework for the individual country concerned.

**Parameters for Allocation of Kerosene to States**

†1718. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount of quota fixed for the kerosene oil during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the basic parameters to fix such quota;

(c) whether requests have been received from various States to increase the quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the action taken by Government on this?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) A Statement enclosed (*see* below).

(b) to (e) Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to State/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System (PDS). The allocation of Kerosene is made on historical basis i.e. past years allcoation plus additional allocation out of increase given at national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the states with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter-State disparity. Requests are received from various State Governments for additional allocation of Kerosene from time to time. Kerosene is a deficit product in the country and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy, the distribution has to be judicious.

**Statement**

*State-wise SKO allocation for the period from 1997-98 to 1999-2000.*

| States/UTs | 1997-98 (MTs) | 1998-99 (MTs) | 1999-2000 (MTs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andaman & Nicobar | 4743 | 7155 | 6736 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 650785 | 675056 | 679848 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 9948 | 10240 | 10295 |
| Assam | 263760 | 271235 | 272623 |
| Bihar | 679329 | 863745 | 870036 |
| Chandigarh | 21562 | 21778 | 15408 |
| Dadar & N. Haveli | 3202 | 3237 | 3238 |
| Delhi | 245768 | 248325 | 204672 |
| Diu & Daman | 3033 | 3064 | 2438 |
| Goa | 27954 | 28257 | 28075 |
| Gujarat | 822339 | 831600 | 832432 |
| Haryana | 164653 | 170563 | 171731 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 58984 | 60737 | 61067 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 88828 | 91433 | 91921 |
| Karnataka | 513054 | 528301 | 531167 |
| Kerala | 289540 | 300006 | 302078 |
| Lakshadweep | 906 | 919 | 921 |

| States/UTs | 1997-98 (MTs) | 1998-99 (MTs) | 1999-2000 (MTs) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Madhya Pradesh | 532741 | 661812 | 666632 |
| Maharashtra | 1558397 | 1576298 | 1577953 |
| Manipur | 22064 | 22670 | 22781 |
| Meghalaya | 20245 | 20847 | 20960 |
| Mizoram | 7868 | 8102 | 8146 |
| Nagaland | 13797 | 14207 | 14284 |
| Orissa | 239501 | 316597 | 318903 |
| Pondicherry | 15329 | 15342 | 15363 |
| Punjab | 337118 | 342376 | 343127 |
| Rajasthan | 361736 | 440060 | 443265 |
| Sikkim | 7794 | 7885 | 7895 |
| Tamil Nadu | 698837 | 716830 | 720076 |
| Tripura | 31451 | 32386 | 32562 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1178862 | 1391123 | 1401255 |
| West Bengal | 785065 | 808013 | 812309 |
| Total | 9659193 | 10490199 | 10490199 |

**Self-sufficiency in crude production**

1719. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present annual production of crude oil in the country and planned production during the year 2004-2005;

(b) the estimated annual demand of crude oil for the year 2004-2005;

(c) whether any special plan has been drawn to increase the production of crude oil; and

(d) by when the country is likely to achieve self-sufficiency in crude production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The target set for the crude oil production during 2000-01 is 32.46 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) including additional 0.5 MMT production planned by ONGC and